

**SKINNER LANDFILL PRP GROUP**

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**SKINNER LANDFILL - PRP SEARCH - CLARKE ENTITIES**

Dear Sherry:

I am writing to let you know some of the pertinent facts regarding the "Clarke entities" and their connections to the Skinner Landfill. At least from this preliminary review of the Group's files, it appears that the ADR notice letter should be addressed to Clarke Services, Inc. (in its own right as well as successor in interest to Clarke Container), Clarke Incinerator, Inc., Dick Clarke Trash Removal and Demolition, Clarke Sanitary Fill, Clarke Complete Collection, Dick Clarke (individually) and Marty Clarke (individually). We believe that the following serves as an adequate basis for this action. We are continuing our investigation into these entities and I will let you know of any further findings.

• **Clarke Container ("CC")** - entity cited by various witnesses as using the Skinner landfill (e.g., Ray Skinner, Rodney Miller, Gene Crow, David Jividen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallen, Floyd Green, Maria Skinner Roy). Dick Clarke stated in his interview that he purchased this business from his brother Marty in 1980 and continued the operations under the name "Clarke Services, Inc."

• **Clarke Services, Inc.** - owned and operated by Dick Clarke and successor in interest to Clarke Container. Dick Clarke stated in his interview that he sold this business and his landfill operations in 1984 to BFI. Dick Clarke began hauling again in ~ 1989, after a non-compete clause in the BFI contract expired. It is not clear under what name he re-started his hauling operations, although it may be "**Dick Clarke Trash Removal and Demolition.**" However, a log entry from the Skinner tax documents indicates that Clarke Services, Inc. did business with Skinner in 1987. Note that this would appear to indicate that Clarke continued the Clarke Services, Inc. entity even after the sale of his business(es) to BFI and during the alleged period of non-compete with BFI (i.e., 1984 - ~1989).

• **Clarke Sanitary Fill** - this name appears in the Skinner logs in 1956 and 1963. This is also the entity that hauled Ford's cyanide ash to Skinner in 1964.

• **Clarke's Complete Collection** - appears in Skinner log - 1963. in corp. 1964

• **Clarke's Incinerators, Inc.** cited by several witnesses as having dumped ash from its operations at the Skinner landfill (e.g., Gene Crow, Floyd Green). This entity was presumably incorporated in the 1950s or 1960s, according to Dick Clarke, by his and Marty's father, Tom Clarke. Believed to still be a going concern.

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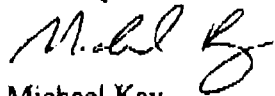
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A couple of other pertinent facts: (1) the Skinner logs list the addresses for Clarke Services, Inc., Clarke's Complete Collection and Clarke Sanitary Fill as 2040 Kemper Road, Sharonville, OH; and (2) in his interview, Dick Clarke stated that he was "financially set" and had been offered and turned down \$2.7 million for property he owned in West Chester.

If you have any other questions, or would like to discuss any of the above, let me know.

Sincerely,



Michael Kay

On Behalf of the Skinner Landfill PRP Group  
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All services Container Company?  
Margaret Clark, incorporator  
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Clarke Container  
" Services